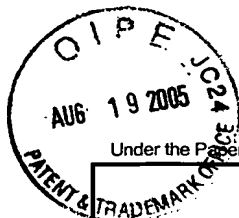


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	Art Unit	2633
	Examiner Name	D. S. Kim
	Attorney Docket Number	SYCS-042RCE

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1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

ii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iv. ☐ Other _____

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, any underpayment of fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 12-0080. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)

ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed

c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED			
Signature		Date	August 19, 2005
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Applicant hereby petitions for a three-month extension of term, attached hereto, thereby extending the term for response to and including August 24, 2005. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is filed herewith. In response to the Advisory Action dated August 5, 2005, refusing to withdraw the final rejection of claims 1-13 and 15-28, and the Office Action dated February 24, 2005, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows and consider the following remarks in favor of allowing the pending application:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper; and

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.